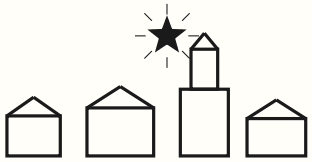

The North Star as Engagement Ring and as Cross

The only star that stands still - in which Father, Mother and Child dwell

Polaris Aa-Ab-B, for the populus Ab-B-Aa = Abba

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Draw any village. Like on a Christmas card. Little houses, a steeple, snow. Above it one star.

There can only be one star. Because there is only one that stands still.

1. The engagement ring is a real asterism

There is a star pattern called the Engagement Ring. Position: almost exactly on the north celestial pole, Declination +88° 54'.

"This month's asterism is called the Engagement Ring. Well, Polaris is the diamond on the ring."

Polaris is the diamond on the ring. A wreath of faint stars above Polaris forms the setting.

That ring rotates 360 degrees around the cross in the sky. Every night a full circle. The diamond remains, the ring turns.

2. Three rings become one star - Abba

The North Star is the center of the whole story.

To the naked eye one point of light, in reality three stars: Polaris Aa, Polaris Ab and Polaris B. Three rings of light forming together one star in the middle of all rings.

According to academics Aa-Ab-B. For the populus Ab-B-Aa = Abba. Abba is Aramaic for Father. The child word Jesus himself uses. Papa.

In Polaris dwells the Father. Three that are one.

3. This may be the Cross of Christ

This might well be the Cross of Christ.

The cross in the sky is the cross on which everything turns. The axis itself. The world axis. The visible Northern Cross draws the cross on the Milky Way, but the true axis is Polaris.

The engagement ring with Polaris as diamond rotates around that cross. 360 degrees faithful.

Draw that village again. Christmas card. One star above. You cannot draw two.

4. Epiphany - January 6 - Jesus is the North Star

On January 6 the Church celebrates Epiphany, the arrival of the Three Kings.

Pope Francis, Homily January 6, 2022, Vatican, exact text:

> *"The Magi travel towards Bethlehem. Their pilgrimage speaks also to us, who are called to journey towards Jesus, for he is the North Star that lights up the sky of life and guides our steps towards true joy."*
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> *"for he is the North Star that lights up the sky of life"*
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> *"even in the darkest nights a star continues to shine"*
>
> *"The star of Jesus does not dazzle or overwhelm, but gently invites"*

The Three Kings followed the one star that remains. That is why every Christmas card shows only one star.

5. The bride of Christ

There are women married to Jesus. Nuns as sponsa Christi, bride of Christ.

Their engagement ring has no diamond from earth. The gem is from heaven. Polaris Abba.

Because Polaris remains almost fixed, while all other stars rotate around her. A bride who promises faithfulness wears a stone that is faithful.

6. Star of the Sea - Mary dwells in the star

The North Star is Star of the Sea. Stella Maris.

On October 2, 2022 Pope Francis wrote:

> *"Entrusting the chaplains, volunteers and all associated with Stella Maris to the loving protection of Our Lady Star of the Sea"*

Mary is the Mother in the star. For those who must cross water without hold, the North Star is the only guide.

7. Greater than Christianity - the Heavenly Emperor and the Lord of the Rings

In China the North Star is called Ziwei, the Purple Star. The Forbidden City is called Zijincheng, Purple Forbidden City. Zi refers to the North Star, home of the Jade Emperor. The Ziwei Enclosure was the realm of the Jade Emperor.

Title: Great Emperor of the North Star in the Purple Forbidden enclosure at the center of Heaven.

The Forbidden City was built as a copy of the palace on the North Star. There too the Father dwells in the star. Heavenly Emperor = Abba.

And Francis also once started about Lord of the Rings. In an essay on storytelling, May 26, 2022:

> *"As Frodo, the main character in Tolkien's The Lord of the Rings, says: 'The tales never end'"*

Three rings to rule via that one ring. And that one ring has something to do with invisibility. In fact that is also true because the three stars together form that one Star.

One Ring to rule them all, One Ring to find them,
One Ring to bring them all and in the darkness bind them.

Polaris Aa, Ab and B are three rings of light. They become invisible as separate stars. Only one star remains visible. The power of the One Ring is to make invisible, but to rule over all. Exactly what Polaris does: three become one, one that rules over all rings in the sky. The Lord of the Rings is about rings rotating around one axis. The North Star is that axis.

8. Father, Mother and Child in one star

Draw that village once more. Christmas card. Little houses. One star.

There can only be one star. Because there is only one that stands still.

In that one star dwell three:
- Abba, the Father, who turns the wheel. Aa-Ab-B, for the populus Ab-B-Aa = Abba. Three rings of light, one star in the middle of all rings.
- Mary, the Mother, Stella Maris, Star of the Sea.
- Jesus, the Child, the North Star that lights up the sky of life, the diamond on the ring, that does not dazzle but gently invites.

"for he is the North Star that lights up the sky of life"

Three rings become one diamond. The ring rotates 360 degrees around the cross, but never loses the diamond.

The Christmas card is correct. The tales never end.

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